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A

Parents' Day in the Church School



"A HAPPY HOME"

HONOR MOTHER BY GOING TO SUNDAY SCHOOL
ON MOTHER'S DAY

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Order of Service

Theme—"HAPPY CHILDREN IN HAPPY HOMES"

I.—A HAPPY HOME WILL ACKNOWLEDGE GOD THE FATHER OF ALL.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE—

CALL TO WORSHIP—(All stand, remaining standing until after the Lord's Prayer.)

Leader—O Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker, for He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Response—(All sing) Tune: "Adeste Fideles"
O Come, and let us worship,
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God the Lord

Leader—The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.

Response—(Sing) O Come, and let us worship, etc.

Leader—It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord
And to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High;
To show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning
And Thy faithfulness every night.

Response—(Sing) O Come, and let us worship, etc.

Leader—The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, unto all them that call upon Him in truth. Let us pray.

All—O God our Father, we have come to sing to Thee, to pray to Thee, and to hear Thee speaking to us. Help us to feel Thy presence and to worship Thee reverently and sincerely.
Our Father, Who art in Heaven, etc.

THE OFFERING—

Leader—Through our offering today, we share in the work being done among the Sunday Schools of our Province by the Religious Education Council of Alberta, which is the agency through which our Churches work together. In this way our School has the opportunity of having part in this larger field of Sunday School endeavor. Let us present our gifts with gratitude and love as part of our worship of God.

(Offering gathered by Intermediates, and presented at the platform)
(All stand)

Leader—Receive, O Lord, our thanks for all the good things that Thou hast given us. Accept these our gifts and grant that Thy blessing may go with them, that many being taught Thy word may come to know and love and serve Jesus Christ our Master.

ALL—(Saying or singing to Francois or other S.M. Tune)

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

HYMN—"O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea." (Tune: Almsgiving, 8,8,8,4)

(1) O Lord of heaven, and earth, and sea, To Thee all praise and glory be; How shall we show our love to Thee Who givest all?	(2) For peaceful homes, and healthful days, For all the blessings earth displays We owe Thee thankfulness and praise Who givest all.
(3) The golden sunshine, vernal air, Sweet flowers and fruit, Thy love declare; White harvests ripen, Thou art there Who givest all.	(4) To Thee, from whom we all derive Our life, our gifts, our power to give; O may we ever with Thee live, Who givest all.

II.—THE CHILDREN'S PART IN MAKING A HAPPY HOME.

RESPONSIVE READING:

Leader—My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the teaching of thy mother.

Response—And Jesus went down with His parents and came to Nazareth and was subject unto them.

Leader—Parents' love provides for us in our homes. How may we show our appreciation?

Response—Honor thy father and thy mother.

Leader—Children obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing in the Lord.

Response—Our love, kindness, helpfulness and obedience will help make our homes happy.

Leader—A happy child is polite, courteous, unselfish, forgiving.

Response—Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other.

Leader—Jesus, the children's Friend, has said: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

Response—Help me to be like Jesus, obedient, kind and true.
Help me always do the thing that He would have me do.
Help me to live like Jesus—to fill each passing day
With deeds of love and kindness to cheer some lonely way.

Leader—In all your ways acknowledge Him; and He will direct your path.

PRAYER—

Leader—Let us thank God for our homes and ask Him to bless them.

ALL—O God, Who hast given us our homes that in them we might feel Thy love and learn to do Thy will, we praise Thee for the love and care of our parents, for the gladdening companionship of brothers and sisters, and for all the happy hours of play and study and work in our homes. We pray Thee to take care of our loved ones and to make our homes good places for us to live in.

Leader—Let us pray that we may do our part to make our homes happy.

All—O Lord Jesus, who for our sakes didst live in an earthly home, teach us to obey and love and serve in our homes. Keep us pure and honest, cheerful and loving. May we not bring anxiety, or sorrow, or shame to our loved ones; but may we always comfort and help them. *Amen.*

STORY—The Boy Who Wanted a Castle.

HYMN—“Father, lead me day by day” (Tune: St. Ricci, 7,7,7,7)

(1) Father, lead me day by day Ever in Thine own sweet way; Teach me to be pure and true, Show me what I ought to do.	(2) When my heart is full of glee, Help me to remember Thee— Happy most of all to know They may Father loves me so.
(3) When I’m tempted to do wrong, Make me steadfast, wise, and strong; And when all alone I stand, Shield me with Thy mighty hand.	(4) May I do the good I know, Be Thy loving child below, Then at last go home to Thee, Evermore Thy child to be.

III.—THE PARENTS’ RESPONSIBILITY IN MAKING A HAPPY HOME.

READING—

Leader—And ye, fathers and mothers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Response—Then were there brought unto Him little children, that He should put his hand on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, “Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Leader—Therefore shall ye lay up these words in your heart and in your soul . . . and ye shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thy house, and upon thy gates.

Response—Jesus saith to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?” He saith, “Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee.” Jesus saith unto him, “Feed my lambs.”

LESSON PERIOD OR ADDRESS OR PAGEANT—(See Supplement)

HYMN—“O Happy Home” (Tune: “O Perfect Love” or “Reynolds” 11, 10, 11, 10)

(1) O happy home! where Thou art loved the dearest, Thou loving Friend, and Saviour of our race; And where among the guests there never cometh One who can hold such high and honoured place.	(2) O happy home! where each one serves Thee, lowly, Whatever his appointed work may be Till every common task seems great and holy, When it is done, O Lord, as unto Thee.
(3) O happy home! whose little ones are given Early to Thee, in humble faith and prayer, To Thee, their Friend, who from the heights of heaven Guides them, and guards with more than mother’s care.	(4) O happy home! where Thou art not forgotten, When joy is overflowing, full and free; O happy home! where every wounded spirit Is brought, Physician, Comforter, to Thee—

BENEDICTION—

The Peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of Christ Jesus.

Amen.